

# State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2008

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1116

Introduced by: Representatives Carson and McLaughlin and Senator Hansen (Tom)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize senior citizens to hunt deer using crossbows.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That § 41-8-31 be amended to read as follows:

4 41-8-31. No person may at any time hunt, catch, take, attempt to take, or kill any small game  
5 or game animal in any other manner than by shooting the same with a firearm, except:

6 (1) Game birds and animals may be taken with birds trained in falconry or with bow and  
7 arrow;

8 (2) A disabled person who is missing an upper limb, physically incapable of using an  
9 upper limb, or confined to a wheelchair and who has obtained a disabled hunter  
10 permit may use a crossbow or other legal bow equipped with a draw-lock device to  
11 take game birds and animals; ~~and~~

12 (3) A legally blind person, who is legally licensed, possesses a disabled hunter permit,  
13 and is physically present and participates in the hunt but cannot safely discharge a  
14 firearm or bow and arrow, may claim game birds and animals taken by a designated  
15 hunter in accordance with the license possessed by the legally blind hunter; and



1     (4)   A person who is aged sixty-five or older and holds a resident or nonresident big game  
2           license that is valid for taking antlerless deer may use a crossbow or other legal bow  
3           equipped with a draw-lock device to take antlerless deer.

4     A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.